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OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD,

MASS.

NEW BEDFORD:
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1890.

Officers of the Free Public Library

FOR THE YEAR 1890.

TRUSTEES.

Ex-Officio. Terms expire January, 1891.

WALTER CLIFFORD, Mayor of the City.
WILLIAM A. TUCKER, President of the Common Council.
LUTHER G. HEWINS, JR., Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

Elected by the City Council.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires April, 1890.
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1890.
ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, JR.,	Term expires April, 1891.
MATTHEW C. JULIEN,	Term expires April, 1891.
LEONARD B. ELLIS,	Term expires April, 1892.
ARTHUR G. GRINNELL,	Term expires April, 1892.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.
THE MAYOR.

CLERK.
GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

COMMITTEES.

On the Library—The Mayor, Messrs. Howland, Tucker, and Julien.
On the Building—Messrs. Tompkins, Hewins, and Ellis.
On Binding and Blanks—Messrs. Dunbar and Grinnell.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.
GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

LIBRARIAN.
ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.
WILLIAM L. R. GIFFORD.

ASSISTANTS.
JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK, M. E. BROWN,
SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

JANITOR.
YORICK W. AMES.

REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN, — In accordance with our usual custom, we submit our annual statistical report, with explanatory comments and such suggestions as our increasing needs make necessary.

Our city is increasing rapidly in population; and we note with pleasure a corresponding addition in the number of people who frequent the library. This indicates an appreciation of privileges which help make better citizens, and which place refining influences within the reach of all. We sincerely hope for your coöperation in extending the scope of the benefits conferred on us by liberal-spirited citizens, and which enable us to enjoy many luxuries denied other cities of our size and wealth. These gifts have made the expenses of the library financially easy for the tax-payers and have accomplished an amount of good that must be plainly apparent.

Our income from the trust funds has been used during the past year not only in the purchase of the customary books of the day, but also, to a greater extent than formerly, in procuring some valuable art works. The unrestricted bequest of the late George O. Crocker has enabled us to make many improvements which add to the comfort and convenience of the patrons of the library.

Our most important need at present is the exchange of the arc lights in the old part of the library for incandescent lights, such as are already in use in the other rooms.

The committee on city property will doubtless attend to this matter early in the year.

At the earnest solicitation of the trustees, our librarian, Robert C. Ingraham, left his post of duty last spring for about four months. Our motives were twofold: first, that his health, which was seriously impaired, might be improved; and secondly, that we might profit by that improvement in retaining for many years the invaluable services of a man who has become almost a part of the library. Mr. Ingraham returned greatly benefited by his journey, — a result most gratifying to us.

During 1889, four hundred eighty-two (482) volumes were worn out and rejected. Nearly all of these were fiction; and some of them were extra copies which did not have to be replaced. Two hundred eighty (280) volumes have been bound, and three hundred seventy-seven (377) rebound. Ninety-four (94) notices have been sent for books overdue. There has been an increase in the circulation of books of about six thousand four hundred (6400) over that for 1888. During the past year, seventy-five thousand three hundred twenty-five (75,325) volumes were taken from the library, making the average circulation about two hundred fifty (250) daily. One thousand sixty-two (1062) new names have been added to our list of takers of books. There has also been an increased use of books in the library rooms, but of this no record is kept.

We purchased in 1889 two thousand four hundred thirty-four (2434) books and pamphlets. No systematic enumeration of the books in the library has been made for several years, and so the number cannot be accurately stated. It is probably, however, slightly in excess of fifty-five thousand (55,000). There are sixteen newspapers on file in the reading room, and a few additions have been made to our list of periodicals.

Since our last report, there have been presented to the library four hundred forty-nine (449) volumes; eight hundred eighteen (818) pamphlets; a valuable map of New Bedford in 1815; and a photograph of a small sketch-map of New Bedford and vicinity, drawn by Ezra Stiles in 1762 These maps have been framed and now hang in the reading room. A list of those who have made gifts to the library will be found in the appendix.

APPENDIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1889.

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1889.			
Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	$69.78	
	Paper stock,	4.29	
	54 fiction catalogues,	13.50	
	Fines,	152.22	
	Book lost and paid for,	3.00	$242.79
	Paid for expressage, freight, and jobbing,	$38.31	
	P. O. box and postage,	36.38	
	Books,	5.15	
	Binding and paper cutting,	13.35	
	Stationery,	37.09	
	Furniture,	7.36	
	Incidentals,	71.92	
1890, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of librarian,	33.23	$242.79

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1889, Jan. 1.	Bills approved January,	$445.00	
	February,	470.14	
	March,	511.94	
	April,	476.94	
	May,	475.70	
	June,	486.37	
	July,	474.09	
	August,	487.60	
	September,	458.50	
	October,	499.24	
	November,	446.90	
	December,	491.94	$5,724.36
1889, Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,	$5,500.00	
	Transfer,	224.36	$5,724.36

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1889.			
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	$8,194.45	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	92.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	246.14	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	292.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	320.37	
	George O. Crocker fund,	225.54	
	Dog fund,	570.07	$9,942.00

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1889.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$8,194.45	
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	
Dec. 31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	
	Amount returned,	2.00	$11,196.45

Bills approved for books, periodicals, and binding, viz.:

January audit,	$366.84	
February,	227.10	
March,	398.82	
April,	408.39	
May,	226.87	
June,	451.82	
July,	433.07	
August,	317.59	
September,	345.76	
October,	510.03	
November,	754.42	
December,	679.90	$5,120.61

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows:

Academy of Natural Sciences,	$5.00
Allyn & Bacon,	2.93
American Chemical Journal,	4.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
American Journal of Philology,	3.00
American Publishing Co.,	5.00
Anthony, E. & Sons,	6.00
Appleton, D. & Co.,	23.40
Austin, J. O.,	5.00
Balch Bros.,	5.50

Bancroft-Whitney Co.,	$28.00
Boon, E. P.,	5.00
Bryant, H. W.,	8.00
Caspar, C. N.,	8.30
Chadbourne, S. H.,	2.91
City Treasurer,	139.80
Clark, A. S.,	6.51
Clarke, W. B. & Co.,	1.40
Coöperative Newspaper Co.,	2.50
Cushing, Wm.,	30.00
Cullen, J. B. & Co.,	3.00
Dews, Edwin,	321.06
Egypt Exploration Fund,	5.00
Electrical World,	3.00
Elliot, A. M.,	8.00
Ellis, G. H.,	2.00
Francis, D. G.,	13.32
Greenough, W. A. & Co.,	2.00
Harper, F. P.,	15.80
Henry Bill Pub. Co.,	6.50
Hickcox, J. H.,	5.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	5.00
Hutchinson, H. S. & Co.,	851.86
Inman, H. S.,	16.00
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	95.35
Lawrence, L. L.,	10.24
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	27.08
Lee, L. A.,	1.50
Lend-a-Hand Pub. Co.,	2.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	1,466.68
Littlefield, G. E.,	251.79
Luzerne Legal Register,	7.79
Macdonald, Wm. & Co.,	8.75
Maine Historical Register,	3.00
Mass. Historical Society,	6.00
McDonough, Jos.,	19.93
Mercury Pub. Co.,	6.00
Munsell's Sons,	5.00
Narragansett Histor. Pub. Co.,	2.00
Nash, E. W.,	10.00
Nash, H. C.,	6.00
National Pub. and Printing Co.,	1.55
New England Magazine Co.,	3.75
New England Pub. Co.,	2.50
Noyes, H. D. & Co.,	24.30

Peet, S. D.,	$4.00	
Publishers' Weekly,	7.50	
Q. P. Index,	1.50	
Raymond, E. P.,	3.00	
Rider, S. S., Agt.,	10.50	
Rodman, T. R.,	10.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,	217.45	
Sampson, Murdock & Co.,	14.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	131.09	
Scribner, C., Sons,	4.00	
Scudder, S. H.,	45.00	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Histor. Society,	15.00	
Stechert, G. E.,	2.59	
Studies in Histor. and Political Science,	4.10	
Taber, Robert W.,	875.46	
Taylor, G. A.,	5.25	
Taylor, T. J.,	17.00	
Van Nostrand, D., Co.,	2.15	
Waldron, C. D.,	1.00	
Whitefield, E.,	15.00	
Winslow, W. C.,	10.00	
Yorston Bros.,	178.00	
Zahm, S. H. & Co.,	31.02	$5,120.61

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1889.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		$92.53	
	One year's interest,		96.00	
			$188.53	
	H. S. Inman,		100.00	$88.53

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1889.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		$246.14	
	One year's interest,		60.00	
			$306.14	
	Little, Brown & Co.,	1.80		
	H. S. Inman,	36.50		
	Yorston Bros.,	260.00	298.30	$7.84

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1889.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		$292.90	
	One year's interest,		60.00	
			$352.90	
	Academy of Nat. Sciences,	40.00		
	Edwin Dews,	15.00		
	American Polytechnic Co.,	75.00	130.00	$222.90

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1889.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		$320.37	
	One year's interest,		30.00	$350.37

GEORGE O. CROCKER FUND.

1889.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		$225.54	
	One year's interest,		400.00	
			$625.54	
	C. F. Borden,	170.59		
	Yorston Bros.,	102.00		
	L. B. Ellis,	9.00	281.59	$343.95

DOG FUND.

1889.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance,		$570.07	
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,		1,043.23	
			$1,613.30	
	Paid Y. W. Ames, janitor,	$540.00		
	Briggs & Lawrence, furniture,	42.00		
	C. F. Borden, catalogue drawers	30.96		
	C. F. Wing, carpet and shades,	65.98		
	R. C. Ingraham,	750.00		
	A. P. Pope, carpenter,	10.54	1,439.48	$173.82

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees:

1890, Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	$6,075.84	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	88.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	7.84	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	222.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	350.37	
	George O. Crocker fund,	343.95	
	Dog fund,	173.82	$7,263.25

GEORGE H. DUNBAR, Clerk.

GIFTS, 1889.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Adderman, J. M., Providence,	1	6
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.,		1
American Institute of Architects, A. J. Bloor, 18 Broadway, New York,		2
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.,	1	7
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.,		1
Astor Library, New York, N. Y.,		1
Apprentices' Library, New York, N. Y.,		2
Apprentices' Library Co., Philadelphia,		1
Bancroft-Whitney Co., San Francisco, Cal.,	2	
Barrow, Mrs. John W.,	1	
Batten, John M., Inquirer Printing and Publishing Co., Lancaster, Pa.,	1	
Benton, J. H., Jr.,		1
Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass.,	1	3
Boston School of Expression,		1
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, Mass.,		3
Brayton, John S., Fall River, Mass.,	1	
Bridgeport Public Library,		1
Bronson Library Fund, Waterbury, Conn.,		2
Brookline Public Library, Brookline, Mass.,		1
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, New York,		2
Brown, Harold P.,		1
Brown, Wm. S., city,	2	
Brownell, T. Frank, New York City,	3	17
Buchanan, Robert.		1
Buckminster, Joseph, city,	2	
Buffalo Library, Buffalo, N. Y.,		1
Burns, Arthur, city,	2	
Bushnell, S. C., city,		4
Butler Hospital for the Insane, Providence, R. I.,		1
Central Vermont R. R., J. W. Hobart, St. Albans, Vt.,	2	
Chelsea Public Library, Chelsea, Mass.,		1
Chicago Public Library, Chicago, Ill.,		1
Choate, John C., Essex, Mass.,		1
Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati, Ohio,		5

City of New Bedford,	117	54
Cooke, J. P., Boston,		1
Clarke Inst. for Deaf Mutes, Northampton, Mass.,		1
Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio,	1	
Coffin, Arthur,	1	
Columbia College, New York,	1	
Commissioners of State Reservation at Niagara, H. E. Gregory, secretary, 214 Broadway, N. Y.,		1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary of Commonwealth, Boston,	21	2
Conn. Hist. Society,	1	
Cooper Union, New York,		1
Crapo, Wm. W., city,	8	
Cutter, Abram E., Charlestown, Mass.,		1
Department of Public Parks, New York,		1
Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Mich.,		1
Dexter, Franklin B., New Haven Conn., . . Photo.	2	1
Dunbar, G. H., city,	2	
Dyer, Lieut. Geo. L.,	1	
Egypt Exploration Fund, Rev. W. C. Winslow, 525 Beacon street, Boston,		1
Ewing, Thos.,		1
Fall River Public Library, Fall River, Mass.,		2
Farrington, Wm. H., Murray street, New York,		15
Fessenden, C. B H., city,	1	2
Flanders, Geo. T., city,	1	
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.,		1
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Pa.,		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, New York City,		1
Gifford, Wm. L. R., city,		22
Ginn & Co., Boston,		1
Greely, A. W., Gen., Washington, D. C.,	1	
Green, Dr. Saml. A., Boston, Mass.,	8	135
Hartford Library Association, Hartford, Conn.,		5
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.,		4
Hathaway, Francis, city, Map of New Bedford, 1815.		
Hawes, Arthur C., city,		1
Hawes, Mrs. Lucy W.,		2
Hennecke, C., Co., Milwaukee, Wis.,	1	
Hildeburn, C. R.,		1
Hopedale Public Library, Hopedale, Mass.,		1
Hough, Dr. Geo. T., city,		64
Howland, George, Jr., city,	36	
Huling, R. G., city,		1

Knowlton, H. M., city,		1
Lancaster, A. E., 138 East 40th street, New York, N. Y.,	1	
Lancaster Library, Lancaster, Mass.,		1
Lawrence Free Library, Lawrence, Mass.,		1
Lee, Leslie A., Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.,	3	5
Leeds, Josiah W., 528 Walnut street, Phila.,		1
Littlefield, Geo. E., Cornhill, Boston,	1	
Lowell City Library, Lowell, Mass.,		1
Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, Mass.,		1
Lund, F. B., Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.,		1
Lynn Public Library, Lynn, Mass.,		1
Maimonides Library, New York,		1
Mass. Civil Service Commissioners, Boston, Mass.,		1
Mass. New Church Union, 169 Tremont st., Boston,		1
Mass. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children,		2
Matthes, Mrs. G. F., city,	4	
Mercantile Library, New York, N. Y.,		2
Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco, Cal.,		1
Merrill, E. B., New York City,	1	
Minnesota Hist. Society,		1
Mitchell, D. L.,		1
Morgan, S. G., city,	15	83
Moseley, E. A., Secretary Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington,	3	
New Bedford Board of Health,		3
New Bedford Board of Trade,	3	
New Bedford Water Board,		3
Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.,		1
New Brunswick Histor. Society, St. Johns, N. B.,	1	
N. E. Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.,		1
New Jersey State Gov., M. A. Hamilton, State Librarian,	1	
New Jersey State Library, Newark, N. J.,	1	
Newton Free Library, Newton, Mass.,		1
Ohio Meteorological Bureau, C. E. Kilbourne, Sec., Columbus, Ohio,		12
Ohio State Forestry Bureau, A. Lené, Secretary, Cincinnati,	1	
Old Colony Hist. Society, Taunton, Mass.,		1
Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Neb.,		1
Peabody Institute, Baltimore,		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.,		1
Peale, R. S. & Co., Chicago, Ill.,		1

Penn. College of Dental Surgery, Philadelphia, Pa.,		1
Perkins Inst. for the Blind, Boston, Mass.,		1
Philological Society, University College, London,		1
Pope, Franklin L.,	1	1
Potter, Wm. James, city,		1
Pouchet, Dr. Georges, Paris, 55 Rue de Buffon,		1
Poughkeepsie Board of Education, J. L. Sickley, Librarian,		10
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn,		1
Princeton College, Princeton, N. J.,		1
Providence Public Library, Providence, R. I.,		1
Publishers of the "Academe,"		1
Randall, Chas. S., city,	2	2
Redwood Library, Newport,		1
Rodman, Edmund, city,		12
Rodman, Thos. R., city, ... Framed table,	9	11
Rosse, Irving, Washington, D. C.,		1
Royal Society of Canada,	1	
Rugg, Chas. P., city,	1	
Rusk, J. M., Sec. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.,	2	
St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, Mo.,		1
Salem Public Library, Salem, Mass.,	1	
San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, Cal.,		1
Sayer, Wm. L., city,	1	
Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn.,	1	
Smithsonian Inst., Washington, D. C.,	18	1
Spare, John, city,		1
Springfield City Library, Springfield, Mass.,		13
Stewart, Hon. Wm. M.,		1
Swain Free School, city,		1
Swift, Geo. B., Dep't of Public Works, Chicago, Ill.,	1	
Taunton Public Library, Taunton, Mass.,		1
Thompson, Mrs. Susan Taber, city,	2	165
Trenholm, W. L., Washington, D. C.,	2	
Tyler, Chas. E., city,	1	1
United States:		
— Coast Survey,	1	1
— Bureau of Education,	1	10
— Department of Interior,	124	1
— Department of State,	2	16
— Fish Commissioners,	7	
— Patent Office,	1	
— Treasury Department,	2	
— War Department,	4	
University of California, Berkeley, Cal.,		1

Warren County Library and Reading Room Association, Monmouth, Ill.,		7
Washingtonian Home, Boston,		1
Wilbur, Isaac P., Dartmouth.	1	
Willey, Henry, city,	1	5
Wilmington Institute, Delaware.		1
Winn, Henry, Boston, Mass.,		2
Woburn Public Library, Woburn, Mass.,		1
Womans Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn.,		1
Wright, Carroll D., Washington, D. C.,	1	
Zerbone, A., city,		5

In Board of Aldermen,
February 27, 1890.

Received, ordered printed in the City Documents and sent down for concurrence.

D. B. LEONARD,
City Clerk.

In Common Council,
February 27, 1890.

Concurred.

WM. A. MACKIE,
Clerk.